MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answer to (*a*) there was no occasion to take any such steps.

Paddy Cultivation.

6. **MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE**: Will the Government be pleased to state how many acres were set apart for paddy cultivation, how many acres of this were actually cultivated and if any area remains uncultivated the reasons for not cultivating the area?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: It is not clear what is meant by area set apart for paddy cultivation. The total area of land registered as wet land in the State is 6,00,457·88 acres. Almost the whole of this area is cultivated according to the usual crop rotation.

Import of Cattle into Travancore.

7. **MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI** (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware:

1. (*a*) that the ryots of Nanjinad were all along depending for the plough and cart cattle on the adjoining British Indian Districts;

(*b*) that on account of the prohibition imposed by the Madras Government against the import of cattle into Travancore from such districts there is already a serious dearth of such cattle in Nanjinad;

(*c*) that such dearth of cattle has already begun to seriously affect paddy cultivation;

2. if they are not aware, will they be pleased to make immediate enquiries on the subject and ascertain the real condition now prevailing; and

3. will they be pleased to make immediate and strong representation to the British Indian Government and have this prohibition removed before the condition of the paddy cultivation in Nanjinad becomes still worse?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI: 1. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

2. In view of the answers to (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) this does not arise.

3. Necessary action has already been taken as the result of which a Joint Board in which Travancore also is represented will consider the question shortly.

Midwives and Nurses.

8. **MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware:

(*a*) that at present there are not sufficient number of midwives and nurses available in the State especially for service in the villages; and

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